

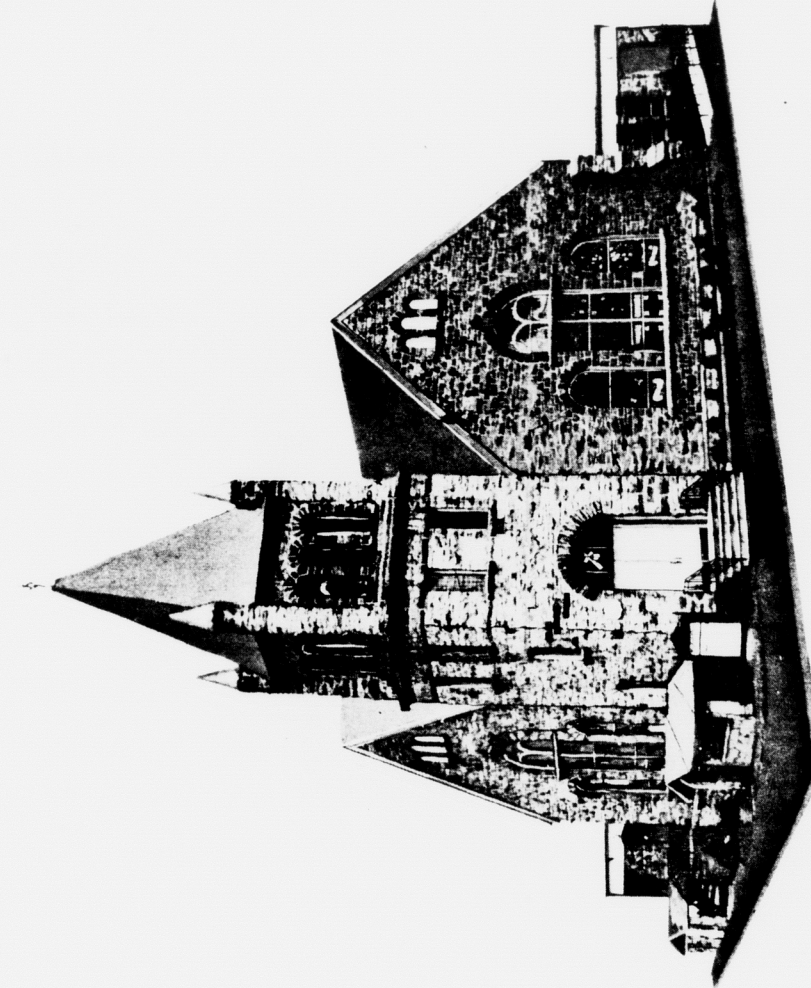
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On Saturday morning I went to the Post Office to check the mail boxes and found Scombordi in his office. He had no replies from the postal authorities on the question of whether the building could be turned over to the Historical Society as a museum. On the way home from town I put the radio on WCDL and listened to the K. Tracy report on the meeting of January 6th: her report was excellent. She gave a summary of what happened and then put on a tape of Charlotte Moro's response to the January 6th meeting. Nan Loftus was also on the same tape in the background.

Only Charlotte Moro was identified by name. K. Tracy then made a few more remarks and then said that "we will hear the reaction of the Historical Society's president, Robert Powell, after this break." Well, at that point I decided that I should pull off to the side of the road and listen to myself. I didn't trust myself to be driving when a tape of myself speaking was being broadcast over the radio. The broadcast began as I was at the Crystal Lake Road and so I turned up the Crystal Lake Road and when I came on the air I was near the site of the old Russell Schoolhouse and so I pulled over there and listened to myself.

I wanted to listen to the entire report in the car and then go home. After I finished speaking, Mrs. Cedric Chubb came on and she lambasted the city officials and postal authorities and such and she was not identified by name. I then arrived at The Homestead where HLRP and WSP were seated at the kitchen table. WCDL was on the air and so I knew they had heard the report. Both of them had tears in their eyes. They were overwhelmed by hearing their son on the radio. It was very touching.

I pretended not to notice that they were overcome with emotion and that was that. I forgot to mention that when I returned home from the meeting on January 6th, I put a note on the kitchen table at WSP's place and the note said: "I met someone at the meeting last night who said that you were the best sling shot maker in all of Underwood." I didn't mention the name of the speaker, Gene Basaliga. The next morning when I came downstairs WSP was there and the first thing I said to him was: "Well, did you figure out who it was that I met?" WSP enjoyed the note and suggested a few possibilities. He didn't guess Basaliga. I told him and he then told me about the fact that Basaliga's sister married Hohensee. Later in the day on Saturday or perhaps on Sunday morning, WSP showed me a NEW SLING SHOT that he was making. How wonderful. I must ask WSP if I can have it. After lunch on Saturday, I went into town and met Tomaine at McDonnell's and Sue Stephens was walking down Main Street as I arrived and so I invited her to join us. We took some refreshments at McDonnell's and then Tomaine and I went out to RTP's and got the sandpaper and then to The Homestead where I changed my clothes and then Tomaine and I went into town and did some sanding at 301. We sanded for two or three hours and then Tomaine went on his way and I went out to RTP's house and visited for an hour or so and then when up the road. Jean Colville called twice and we chatted about the meeting on January 6th: she was very upset by the meeting and by Barrett, who is, and is regarded by Jean as, a buffon. I bathed and ate and rested and went to bed. At the beginning of the meeting on January 6th, Rev. Pullis, in response to my reaction to my first visit to the basement of the BBC, said "maybe you should come into town on Sunday morning if you're still here" meaning of course that I should attend the 11 A.M. ser-



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